

## EMA General assembly 2019, Villefranche sur Saône

### Participants:

- BE: Ruud Koopmanis, Peter van Damme
- CH: Luc Humbert (online)
- DE: Axel Eschenburg, Michael Zaharadnik
- DK: Tina Christiansen, Frank Rostved
- ES: Antonio Ayllon, Jose Moreno Merino
- FI: Konsta Lensu (online)
- FR: Astrid Dubedout, Matthieu Pfeiffer,
- HU: Ildikó Hargitai
- IT: Marco Montebelli, Marco Bazzocchi
- NL: Ans Hoogland, Jan Warbout
- NO: Glen Ivar Husom (online)
- PT: Rui Machado
- RO: Michael van den Sluijs (online)
- RU: Aleksei Shpilman, Andrej Chichigin
- SE: Petter Ranefall
- SV: Tomas Siron (online)
- UA: Maksym Ivanov (online)
- UK: John Duckworth

### Items on the agenda:

1. **Appointment of NoteTaker:** Axel Eschenburg will take notes.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the last GA** - Approved by acclamation
3. **Report of the President:** presented by Luc Humbert. (See appendix)
4. **Reports of the chairmen of existing committees:** None provided, existing committees seemed inactive since last GA and are dissolved.
5. **Elections:**
  - President:** only candidate: Luc Humbert, confirmed by acclamation
  - Vice Presidents:** 2 Candidates for 2 seats: Matthieu Pfeiffer, Gemma Sakamoto. elected by acclamation
  - Presidium:** 2 candidates for 2 seats: Tina Christiansen, Marco Montebelli, elected by acclamation.
6. **Creation of new Committees:** Existing committees are reformed for a fresh start
  - Riichi Rules Committee:
    - Chair: Tina Christiansen
    - Members: Gemma Sakamoto, Maxim Ivanov, Michael van den Sluijs, Tomas Siron, Maxim Ivanov, Pavel Bogazov, Konsta Lensu
  - MCR Committee:
    - Chair: Aleksei Shpilman,
    - Members: Astrid Dubedout, Axel Eschenburg, Tina Christiansen, Luc Humbert

7. **Confirmation of provisional EMA Member:** Norway - confirmed by acclamation
8. **Confirmation of provisional EMA Member:** Ukraine - confirmed by acclamation
9. **Sitting of future European Championship**
10. **Items proposed to the GA:**

**Quota modification proposals (one from Finland, one from Russia)**

The current quota system does not work properly if EMA does not receive sufficient number of seats to assign seats to member associations based on the A1 and A2 Part of the quota. Two different options to deal with this issue were presented to the GA - they are attached to this document.

A vote was held between

- The Russian proposal (1 vote)
- The Finnish proposal (17 votes)
- Keep the System unchanged (0 votes)
- Abstentions: 8

The Finnish proposal was accepted by majority.

**Proposal to change the regulations for the end of a round:**

A proposal from Spain on changing how to handle round ends was discussed. The idea is to adopt a system where the current hand will not end with the gong, but play continues until its normal end. In order to give an estimation of the effect on a tournament schedule, the following statistic was presented:

WMO 2019 Villefranche-sur-Saône, Statistics  
Tournament: 64 Tables, 2 hr Rounds

**Round 1**

- worst table 11 hands (11:00 / hand)
- 13 or fewer hands: 3 tables (8%, 9:12 / hand)
- 14 Hands: 14 tables (22%, 8:36 / hand)
- 15 Hands: 14 tables (22%, 8:00 / hand)
- 16 Hands : 31 tables (48%, 7:30 / hand)
- average: 8:00/hand => 128 minutes / round

**Round 2:**

- worst table 13 hands (9:12 / hand)
- 13 hands: 2 tables (3%, 9:12 / hand)
- 14 hands: 11 tables (17%, 8:36 / hand)
- 15 hands: 18 tables (28%, 8:00 / hand)
- 16 hands: 33 tables ( 52%, 7:30 / hand)
- average: 7:53/hand => 126 minutes / round

**Round 3:**

Wednesday, 13 November 2019

- worst table 12 hands
- 13 hands or fewer 2 tables ( 3% )
- 14 hands: 8 tables ( 13% )
- 15hands: 19 tables ( 30% )
- 16 hands: 35 tables ( 54% )
- average: 7:50/hand => 125 minutes / round

After a lively discussion, the proposal was formalized to:

The MERS Tournament regulations are to be amended by the following items with regards to tournament format format for MCR Tournaments, effective 1st of January

- When the bell rings, play continues until the current hand is finished
- The first roll of the dice after the walls are fully built is considered “start of the hand” for this purpose.
- The hand is not considered started if the gong sounds before the walls are fully built, even if the dice were rolled.
- Organizers are required to account for this in the schedule. Advice is to This may be done by shortening play time or extending break time.

This proposal was accepted, with 22 votes cast for the proposal, 2 votes cast against the proposal and 2 abstentions